

ANNUAL REPORT

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THE TREASURER

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS,

—OF—

CANAAN, N. H.,

—FOR THE—

Year ending March 1, 1886.

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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ L. S. } To the inhabitants of the town of Canaan, qualified to vote in town affairs :—
You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d, To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, Treasurer, and Overseer of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- 3d. To choose all other necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
- 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing.
- 5th. To see how much money the town will raise to pay on their debt.
- 6th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of schools for the year ensuing.
- 7th. To see how much the town will raise for the repair of highways for the year ensuing.
- 8th. To see if the town will direct or instruct the Selectmen in regard to the amount of compensation per hour to be allowed for labor on highways for the year ensuing.
- 9th. To take the sense of the qualified voters upon the following question :. viz : Is it expedient that a convention be

called to revise the Constitution? (Chap. 117, Sec. 1, Pamphlet Laws, 1885.)

10th. To see if the town will vote to sell the land the Hearse-house now stands on and buy a suitable lot and move said house on to the same.

11th. To see if the town will determine the amount of compensation as salary, for services rendered by School Board. (Chap. 89, Sec. 22, General Laws.)

12th. To see if the town will vote *not* to appoint a Liquor Agent for the ensuing year.

13th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway leading from the Jerusalem road (so called) to Orange line near the Daniel Cole house.

14th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway beginning at the Dames Gore road (so called) near L. J. Chamberlin's, thence southwesterly to the Clark Pond road (so-called.)

15th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway beginning at the intersection of the Levi Hamlet road (so called) thence northeasterly to the road leading by the G. W. Murray place.

16th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway beginning on the turnpike near the white school house (so-called) thence easterly to the Hutchins place (so called) near Er Collins'.

17th. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

18th. To see if the town will vote to buy a road machine, and raise money therefor.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, 1886.

HENRY H. WILSON,	} Selectmen of Canaan.
ISAAC DAVIS,	
GEORGE W. HAZELTON,	

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

HENRY H. WILSON,	} Selectmen of Canaan.
ISAAC DAVIS,	
GEORGE W. HAZELTON,	

TREASURER'S REPORT. •

Receipts for 1885.

Received of Treasurer of 1884,	\$1,832 88
Selectmen, County Order,	813 31
" Error in Dow & Story lumber bill,	30
" Bounty on wild animals	79 60
" Cash from skating rink,	20 00
" " brick and mortar, sold,	2 00
" Railroad tax,	440 00
" Saving's Bank tax,	1,007 12
" Literary Fund,	193 98
" Cash hired on notes,	1,460 00
" " from town of Hanover,	19 42
" " for house rent and wood,	9 04
" " from Liquor Agent,	49 20
H. J. Goss, Collector 1882,	57 09
Guilford Doten, " 1883,	63 48
" " " 1884,	2,390 00
" " " 1885,	5,138 44
Unworked highway tax, 1884,	5 04
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	\$13,580 90 .

Expenditures.

Paid State Tax,	\$1,192 00
County Tax,	1,198 44
School Money,	1,314 50
School House taxes,	1,261 78
Repairing Town and Hearse House,	172 73
" Highways and Bridges,	477 26

Breaking Roads,	220 68
Miscellaneous,	497 35
Bounty on Wild Animals,	79 60
Cash paid on notes and interest, and bonds,	4,069 49
Town and County Poor,	1204 37
Town Officers,	562 63
In Treasurer's hands,	1,330 07
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	\$13,580 90

School Money.

	Amount	Paid	
Dist. No. 1,	\$124 73	\$124 73	
2,	121 99	121 99	
3,	19 42	19 42	
4,	23 62	23 62	
5,	39 03	39 03	
6,	24 49	24 49	
7,	315 63	315 63	
8,	62 89	62 89	
9,	27 99	27 99	
10,	54 71	54 71	
11,	126 96	126 96	
12,	44 33	44 33	
13,	25 72	25 72	
14,	66 99	66 99	
15,	18 56	Not paid	
16,	12 85	12 85	
17,	32 75	32 75	
18,	57 96	57 96	
19,	32 92	32 92	
20,	53 38	53 38	
21,	22 11	22 11	
Enfield, 1,	7 17	7 17	
9,	2 49	2 49	
Rec'd from Hanover for			
Dist. No. 20,	19 42	8 62	Due \$10 80
Balance due school district No. 21, for the			
year 1884,		4 25	
Balance due school district No. 17, for the			
year 1884,		1 50	
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		\$1,314 50	

School House Taxes paid 1885.

Paid Isaac Davis and A. G. Lowell, Dis. No. 7,	\$600 00
Davis, Lowell and Swett, " "	400 00
" " " " "	200 00
Nathan Jones and Stephen Peaslee, Dis. No. 2, '84,	11 78
M. T. Colby and C. W. Dwinels, Dis. No. 11,	50 00
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	\$1,261 78

Repairing Town and Hearse House.

Paid Chas. W. Dustin, labor and lumber,	\$36 97
Chas. Shattuck, labor,	12 00
H. J. Goss, shingles,	27 50
Burns Barnard, labor,	3 00
Chas. Shattuck, labor,	47 90
Chas. W. Dustin, " "	24 16
Isaac Davis, brick and freight,	17 20
A. M. Shackford, lime and hair,	4 00
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	\$172 73

Repairing Highways and Bridges.

Paid P. O. Dunham, snowing bridges,	\$ 5 00
Pattee & Perley, lumber,	41 75
H. O. Whitney, labor and lumber,	3 97
P. O. Dunham, snowing bridges,	2 00
Edwin Shepard, labor on highway,	4 30
Albert Raney, labor,	1 50
Moses E. Currier, building culvert,	10 00
Stephen Morse, labor,	27 24
E. O. Williams, lumber,	11 66
Adolphus Lamott, labor,	4 00
Edwin Shepard, labor,	3 00
L. N. Bradbury, cutting bushes,	1 33
H. B. Whitney, labor and lumber,	7 00
E. O. Williams, lumber,	11 89
H. O. Whitney and others cutting trees out of road in highway,	8 00
H. O. Whitney, labor on highway,	7 50
J. H. Tupper, plank,	2 88
B. F. Andrew, lumber,	31 77
Edwin Shepard, labor,	5 25

H. R. Norris, labor on Norris bridge,	10 00
H. R. Norris, labor on Lamott "	6 00
John Currier, labor on highway,	35 06
Stephen Morse, labor,	10 00
J. J. Pollard, labor,	15 02
L. E. Chamberlain, labor,	4 87
J. Rameor, labor,	8 75
L. J. Chamberlin, labor,	13 03
E. W. Dow, labor and lumber,	3 27
J. O. Collins, plank,	3 60
H. J. Goss, building abutment bridge,	18 00
J. C. Lary, lumber,	18 63
John Currier, plank,	15 23
G. W. Hazelton, labor,	5 37
Chase Putney, labor and plank,	3 91
Geo. W. Hazelton, labor on Orange brook and Davis bridge,	27 25
Joseph Rameor, labor on Orange brook and Davis bridge,	18 00
Ann M. Patte, labor on highway,	2 25
Wm. C. Aldrich, breaking plow 1884,	3 87
H. B. Whitney, " "	3 35
J. D. Weeks, lumber for bridges,	15 77
H. A. Gilman, labor on highway,	10 50
M. H. Clark, " " 1886,	1 32
G. W. Chase, labor and plank for highway,	3 75
Pattee & Perley, lumber,	17 73
Barney Bros., lumber, spikes, powder and fuse,	8 09
Barney Bros., plank,	4 60
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	\$477 26

Breaking Roads.

Paid H. M. Pattee,	\$6 30
Ben Heman, 1884,	1 95
Err Collins, 1884,	2 60
Charles Lasua, 1884,	7 30
Charles Smith,	2 50
Stephen Morse, Dis. No 36,	3 40
Willard Colburn, " "	6 66
Oscar Decatur,	3 05
Demas Billliveaux,	2 90
James Welch,	90
L. N. Bradbnry,	3 15

H. W. Kimball,	4 00
Chas. W. Shattuck,	4 35
Geo. W. Chase,	7 70
J. O. Collins,	4 10
W. P. Clark,	8 30
Joseph Brown,	2 50
Augustus Shepard,	13 35
M. H. Clark,	1 90
H. O. Whitney,	6 50
Patrick Sloane,	2 55
Chase Putney,	3 00
O. V. Shattuck,	2 00
Lewis & Napoleon Gierr,	4 85
I. W. Sanborn,	2 55
Eddie Hill,	2 55
J. S. Pressey,	1 00
S. D. Smith,	2 30
Nathan Jones,	3 00
John Bennett,	2 30
Edwin Shepard,	4 90
Henry Rainey,	1 00
M. E. Currier,	6 50
Daniel Goss, Jr.,	2 00
Royal Pollard,	1 20
J. C. Lary,	4 00
J. B. Bonival,	1 42
Oscar Decatur,	1 00
P. G. Prescott,	2 48
Reuben Puffer,	6 65
Augustus Hayward,	1 70
J. C. Celley,	4 57
L. N. Bradbury,	1 30
Henry Columbia,	1 20
Daniel Goss,	4 00
Hiram Jones,	1 20
Geo. Preston,	1 50
John Currier and others,	22 00
E. B. Shattuck,	3 65
J. A. Greene,	1 00
L. J. Chamberlin,	11 10
J. J. Pollard,	9 10
L. C. Follansbee,	1 90
W. J. Martin,	1 80
E. B. Hibbard,	4 00

\$220 68

Miscellaneous.

Paid Val Manahan, returning births and deaths, 1884,	\$1 75
C. O. Barney, printing,	28 00
Chas. Davis, error in tax 1879 and 1880,	160 00
O. B. Cowen, decorating soldiers' graves,	25 00
Elijah George, overtax, 1884,	1 25
Hiram Savage, expenses running town line,	12 00
C. H. Pettee, " " "	25 50
Frank Hall, " " "	2 50
T. J. Carlton, " " "	1 00
Val Manahan, returning births and deaths,	1 50
H. H. Wilson, expenses running town line,	14 50
Wm. H. Welch, overtax of 1884,	2 06
G. W. Hazelton, expense running town line,	12 62
Peter Raney, damage to sleigh and harness on highway,	4 00
H. R. Norris, settling county claim,	8 50
H. R. Norris, postage and stationery,	2 50
E. M. Tucker, returning births and deaths,	3 25
David Barnard, use of hall, 1884-5,	8 00
J. F. Ford, damage to sled,	5 00
Chas. Davis, error in tax 1879 and 1880,	113 70
William Burnham, illegal tax, over 70,	1 34
Wm. Welch, use of water trough,	2 00
W. E. Hoit, recording marriages, births & deaths,	12 00
Isaac Davis, telegrams and stationery,	1 50
Geo. E. Leet, returning births and deaths,	7 75
Barney Bros., school books,	4 90
Stephen Morse, damage to sheep by dogs, 1884,	2 00
J. F. Eastman, damage to sheep by dogs, 1884,	1 50
W. J. Martin, " " " "	3 00
J. O. Collins, " " " "	2 50
H. H. Wilson, stationery, &c.,	3 00
W. B. Richardson, express, stationery, &c.,	2 75
C. O. Barney, printing,	8 25
F. D. Currier, services in Joseph Sawyer case, 1884,	5 00
Ara Wheat, returning births and deaths,	4 50
S. Wolfson, outstanding order 1884,	2 73
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	\$497 35

Bounty on Wild Animals.

Paid Geo. W. Hazelton, bounty on woodchucks,	\$ 8 50
Isaac Davis, " "	24 40

H. H. Wilson, bounty on woodchucks,	35 00
“ “ “ “	5 90
Isaac Davis, “ “	4 40
Geo. W. Hazelton, “ “	1 40
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	\$79 60

Paid on Notes and Bonds.

Paid Charles Whittier, interest on bonds Nos. 2 3, 4, 5 & 6,	\$ 52 00
Geo. W. Hadley, 14 years bonds, Nos. 40, 41, and 42, and interest to June 1st,	302 01
G. W. Hadley, 14 years bond No. 46 and interest to Dec. 24th,	102 93
J. L. Rogers, 14 years bonds, Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24 and interest to Dec. 31st,	412 00
S. W. Whittier, note and interest,	2589 37
Coupons, 1885,	344 00
D. J. Swett, note and interest,	64 39
Harry A. Barney, note and interest,	83 22
Clarence E. Barney, “ “	44 56
Elizabeth Clark, “ “	75 01
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	\$4069 49

Services of Town Officers.

Paid W. E. Hoit, Town Clerk,	\$ 15 00
H. H. Wilson, Selectman,	100 00
Isaac Davis, “	75 75
Geo. W. Hazelton, “	74 00
W. B. Richardson, Treasurer,	40 00
Augustus Shepard, S. S. Committee,	65 00
Chas. W. Dustin, care of Town and Hearse House,	10 00
Guilford Doten, Collector 1883,	2 90
“ “ “ 1884,	31 41
“ “ “ 1885,	77 84
H. J. Goss, “ 1882,	1 23
H. R. Norris, Overseer of Poor,	50 00
J. M. Barber, Supervisor, 1883-4,	13 50
M. H. Milton, Auditor,	3 00
O. L. Rand, “	3 00
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	\$562 63

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. RICHARDSON, *Treasurer.*

REPORT

—OF THE—

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1886.

Receipts.

Received County Order,	\$813 31
“ of Town Treasurer,	1,215 37
“ of Richard W. Bailey estate,	1 00
“ for rent of house of M. A. Low,	4 50
“ for wood sold of M. A. Low's,	3 54
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	\$2,037 72

Expenditures.

TOWN POOR.

Paid Barney Bros. for Samuel P. Abbott,	\$17 50
Wm. Alrich, “ “ “	80
Chas. Whittier “ “ “	80
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	19 10
Norman Hadley for Lois Hadley,	54 94
Harrison Trumbull for Helen M. Trumbull,	123 60
Thos. Decato for Billeveu children,	15 00
State Industrial School for Eddie S. Colby,	45 64
Frank Welch for Richard W. Bailey,	3 00
C. W. Dustin, “ “ “	1 50
Frank Harvey, “ “ “	2 00
David Stevens, for Richard W. Bailey's boy,	1 00
Thos. Sanborn, for Richard W. Bailey,	10 00

17 50

\$275 78

COUNTY POOR.

Paid Geo. E. Leet, for Angeline C. Smith,	\$13 36	
Thos. Sanborn, " "	10 00	
Jonathan K. Tucker, " "	7 50	
Austin Lary, " "	3 00	
		33 86
David Towle, for Stephen Towle,		43 25
To taking to Co. farm Eugene Wood,		3 50
Geo. E. Leet, for Alexander family	11 83	
F. F. Avery, " "	6 22	
Frank Currier, " "	1 50	
D. B. Alexander, " "	1 25	
Stephen Peaslee, " "	3 25	
To taking to Co. farm boy Ara,	4 60	
		28 65
Geo. E. Leet, for Miah Columbia family,	5 25	
Frank Currier, " " "	9 50	
Cash Paid, " " "	5 00	
H. B. Purmort, " " "	50	
		20 25
Ara Wheat, for Betsey Heath,	10 85	
B. B. Whitney " "	3 36	
Joseph Hebert, " "	83 75	
Frank Currier, " "	1 74	
Mercy Fox, " "	13 00	
		112 70
Ara Wheat, for Alfred Dustin,	2 00	
F. T. Dustin, " " "	39 00	
		41 00
Joel Brow, for Fizette children,	27 00	
Barney Bros., " "	2 84	
Clara Fizette, " "	55 00	
E. M. Tucker, " "	22 20	
Isaac Davis, " "	24 00	
Augustus Shepard, " "	3 00	
		134 04
Ara Wheat, for Peter Godettee,	7 15	
Frank Currier, " "	4 75	
John Ford, " "	4 50	
J. D. Weeks, " " " "	2 50	
B. B. Whitney, " " "	14	
		19 04

M. H. Milton, for Luke Veno,	45 00	
Guilford Doten, " "	12 00	
E. Smith, " "	38 50	
E. M. Tucker, " "	2 68	
Frank Currier, " "	18 00	
O. L. Rand, " "	46 00	
B. B. Whitney, " "	42	
	<hr/>	162 60
Phillip Prescott, for Burns Richardson,		11 50
Barney Bros. for Levi Martin,	30 00	
Ara Wheat, " "	5 78	
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Eliza Richardson, for Mary A. Low,	19 50	
A. E. Smith, " "	1 00	
B. B. Whitney, " "	28	
H. R. Norris, " "	2 00	
J. D. Weeks, " "	5 50	
Geo. E. Leet, " "	2 00	
Chas. Seavey, " "	2 50	
Frank Currier, " "	9 70	
Robt. Morey, " "	2 55	
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Thos. Sanborn, for Maria E. Gillis	8 00	
Robt. R. Morey, " "	12 00	
H. G. Robie, " "	2 00	
H. A. Pressey, " "	6 00	
	<hr/>	28 00
Geo. E. Leet, for Will C. Morse,	2 00	
Ara Wheat, " "	16 75	
	<hr/>	18 75
Thos. Sanborn, for Margaret Couchee,	10 15	
H. R. Norris, " "	2 00	
	<hr/>	12 15
Frank Currier, for John Fox,		2 50
Frank Currier, for Frank Fox,		2 50
Jonathan Tucker, for Smith children,	24 00	
To taking to Co. farm,	5 12	
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Barney Bros. for A. J. Derush,		3 00
Chas. Lashua, for Chas M. Smith,	55 50	
Ara Wheat, " "	34 35	
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Arthur A. Austin, for Caleb S. Howard,	7 01	
Geo. E. Leet, " "	7 98	
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Thos. Shepard, for Harriet Dole,	8 00
Transient Poor,	21 78
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	\$921 84

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid expense Co. claims,	\$8 50
Postage and Stationery,	2 50
Keeping tramps,	6 75
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	\$17 75

Recapitulation.

Amount received by Overseer,		\$2,037 72
Paid for town Poor,	\$275 78	
for County Poor,	921 84	
Miscellaneous Bills,	17 75	
Selectmen, County Order,	813 31	
Selectmen, Cash,	9 04	
	<hr/>	\$2,037 72

Respectfully Submitted,

HORACE R. NORRIS, *Overseer of the Poor.*

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

*Liquor Agent's Report from February 24th, 1885,
to February 25th, 1886.*

Amount of sales,	\$559 82
Bought in same time,	\$435 62
Agent's salary,	75 00
Amount paid Selectmen,	49 20
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	\$559 82

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Amount on hand February 24th, 1885,	\$128 72
“ “ “ 25th, 1886,	112 80
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Less now than then,	\$15 92
Net profit to town,	\$33 28

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. WHITNEY, *Agent.*

Error in amount purchased against agent.	\$1 93
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

*Of the Financial Standing of the Town of Canaan for the year
ending Feb. 28th, 1886.*

Tax Bills.

Alvin Davis Bill, 1877.

Amount reported due last year,	\$30 00
Now due,	30 00

Alvin Davis Bill, 1878.

Amount reported due last year,	63 00
Now due,	63 00

Charles Davis Bill, 1879.

Amount reported due last year,	134 00
Now due,	134 00

Charles Davis Bill, 1880.

Amount reported due last year,	199 79
Now due,	199 79

Harris J. Goss, Bill, 1882.

Amount reported due last year,	\$128 87
Paid Treasurer,	57 09
Abated Henry Bagley,	2 80
Abial Sharp,	2 80
George Wooster,	2 80
Chas. B. Pillsbury,	4 00
Thos. Shepard, 2d,	2 80
Herbert F. Chamberlin,	2 80
Philena F. Daniels,	60

Wm. K. Hadley,	1 61	
Samuel P. Abbott,	2 80	
T. S. Lathrop,	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$82 20
Now due,		\$46 67

Guilford Doten Bill, 1883.

Amount reported due last year,		132 47
Paid Treasurer,	\$63 48	
Abated Dixi Cross,	2 05	
Perley Smith,	2 05	
Chas. S. Barney,	15	
Richard O. Clark,	2 20	
George Wooster,	2 20	
Frank Colombe,	2 05	
Demas Billeveaux,	89	
Frank Defosses,	2 67	
Isaac W. Shattuck,	2 05	
Joseph Decatur,	3 49	
Chas. Page,	3 77	
Osgood Dale,	6 51	
Leonard Bohonon,	2 05	
Thos. Shepard,	2 05	
	<hr/>	\$97 66
Now due,		\$34 81

Guilford Doten's Bill, 1884.

Amount reported due last year,		\$2581 39
Paid Treasurer,	\$2390 00	
Abated Geo. W. Davis, illegal,	3 28	
Frank Laforge,	1 50	
Joel A. Steele,	1 25	
Wm. C. Morse,	1 34	
Fred W. Peaslee,	2 34	
John Fox,	2 34	
Alfred E. Barnard,	2 06	
Chas. S. Barney,	2 06	
Richard O. Clark,	2 06	
Henry Melendy,	2 64	
Orra Kilton,	2 06	
Geo. Wooster,	2 06	
Frank Defosses,	1 50	
Geo. E. Dunbar,	1 45	

Moses Badger,	1 25	
Thos. Bulleigh,	1 25	
Joseph Pepins,	1 25	
Wm. K. Hadley,	1 25	
Mark W. Smith,	1 25	
Warren Gile, overtax.	12 59	
Richardson, Smith & Barber, overtax,	5 15	
	<hr/>	\$2441 93
Now due,		\$139 46

Guilford Doten's Bill, 1885.

Amount tax bill,		\$7085 06
Paid Treasurer,	\$5138 44	
Abated E. C. Flanders, overtax,	6 66	
Geo. Bradbury, “	2 00	
Wm. Burnham, over 70,	1 33	
Frank Babbitt, illegal,	3 66	
Ella L. Smith, overtax,	3 66	
Wm. H. Welch,	1 33	
F. N. Whitney,	1 33	
Horace Pressey,	1 33	
	<hr/>	\$5159 74
Now due,		\$1925 32

Amount of unworked highway tax, 1884,		\$10 61
Amount paid Treasurer,	5 04	
Abated Richard O. Clark,	50	
R. R. Clark,	1 59	
Rufus Tucker,	50	
Henry Melanda,	88	
Chas. S. Barney,	50	
Thos. Shepard, 2d,	50	
Henry Butman,	60	
Anthony Dorman,	50	
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Report of Dog Tax.

Amount tax raised,		\$82 00
Orders drawn,		12 00
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Unexpended,		\$70 00

Liabilities for 1885.

Due on Notes and interest on same to March 1st, 1886,	\$1,535 00
Due on 14 years bonds,	9,100 00
Interest on same to April 1st, 1886,	364 00
School District No. 20, school money,	10 80
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Total liabilities,	\$11,009 80

Available Funds.

In Treasurer's hands, 1885,	\$1,330 07
Collector's hands, 1877,	30 00
“ “ 1878,	63 00
“ “ 1879,	166 00
“ “ 1880,	199 79
“ “ 1882,	46 67
“ “ 1883,	34 81
“ “ 1884,	139 46
“ “ 1885,	1,925 32
Due from County for support of poor,	906 84
Liquors and fixtures in Agent's hands,	112 80
Sale of lots in Wells' cemetery,	40 00
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	\$4,994 76
Less dog tax,	70 00
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Total availabilities,	\$4,924 76
Total debt above availabilities, 1886,	\$6,085 04
Total debt above availabilities, 1885,	8,270 71
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Reduction debt,	\$2,185 67

STATEMENT.

Showing amount taxes assessed for all purposes; amount money raised to defray town charges; amount of debt, interest paid, and the reduction of debt for each year since 1869.

	Amt. tax raised for all purposes.	Amt. raised to defray town charges.	Amount debt	Interest paid.	Reduction debt.
1869,	\$9,689.46	\$4000	*	*	*
1870,	12,159.64	6000	\$63,398.96	\$3803.93	\$1,618.73
1871,	10,501.15	4000	61,780.23	3803.93	12,304.73
1872,	10,420.29	5000	49,475.50	3706.84	952.20
1873,	12,160.99	6000	48,523.30	2968.53	2,676.81
1874,	11,537.58	6000	45,846.49	2911.39	2,353.95
1875,	11,192.03	6000	43,492.54	2750.78	2,565.62
1876,	11,365.72	6000	40,926.92	2609.54	3,359.97
1877,	11,128.23	6000	37,566.95	2455.61	3,421.37
1878,	11,420.07	6000	34,145.58	2254.00	4,021.26
1879,	11,345.30	6000	30,124.32	1365.80	1,499.61
1880,	11,861.64	6000	28,624.65	1205.98	2,639.60
1881,	11,456.01	6000	25,985.05	1144.98	3,609.90
1882,	15,302.59	10,000	22,875.15	1039.40	7,882.10
1883,	11,464.00	6000	14,493.05	895.00	4,082.65
1884,	7,866.86	3000	10,410.40	579.72	2,139.69
1885,	7,085.06	3000	8,270.71	478.29	2,185.67

*Not reported.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. WILSON,	}	<i>Selectmen of Canaan.</i>
ISAAC DAVIS,		
GEORGE W. HAZELTON,		

We, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Canaan, for the year ending Feb. 26th, 1886, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, and Liquor Agent, find them correctly cast and properly avouched for.

Bonds issued by the town to the amount of \$816.94 with accrued interest have been paid by the Treasurer.

The bonds so purchased, with the coupons attached to the same, were produced, and we cancelled said bonds and coupons, and we also cancelled the coupons paid on outstanding bonds to the amount of \$396.00

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of February, 1886.

M. H. MILTON,	}	<i>Auditors for the town of Canaan.</i>
O. L. RAND,		

VALUATION, 1885.

No. Polls April 1st, 1835,	383	Valued \$	38300
Resident, real estate,	acres 27923	"	357481
Non-resident, "	" 2232	"	13525
No. horses,	302	"	17055
" Oxen,	172	"	8120
" Cows,	474	"	10575
" Neats,	227	"	3389
" Sheep,	2166	"	3512
" Hogs,	32	"	182
" Carriages,	26	"	1490
Amt. Bank Stock,			1900
" Money at interest,			19418
" Stock in trade,			29100
Mills,			10625
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			\$514,472
Rate per cent on one dollar reduced value,			.00266
" " one hundred dollars inventory,			1.33 1-3

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

W. A. Wallace, Prudential Committee. Three terms. Two terms taught by Miss Bertha M. Flanders, of Grafton, N. H. Order good and the teacher seemed to be quite thorough in the instruction given. Third term by J. Burns Wallace. There seems to be more money than scholars in this district and there is an absence of the life and interest of a public school, making it very lonely for teacher and pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

David Towle, Jr., Prudential Committee. Two terms by Miss Cora L. Page, of Campton, N. H. A teacher of vast experience and thoroughly posted, having no superior in the art of making essential points clearly understood. Miss P. returned the best kept Register and we should have rated this as the best managed school in town was it not for a lamentable lack of discipline.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Joined No. 21.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Oren V. Shattuck, Prudential Committee. One term, Miss Maggie A. Sloane teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Mrs. F. M. Lary, Prudential Committee. Two terms by Miss Clara L. Putney and Miss Verdie M. Cilley. Both teachers seemed to do as well as the existing circumstances would allow. An unsightly, uncomfortable school hut and a sad destitution of school books are prominent features.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

James Dubia, Prudential Committee. One term by Mrs. Ola M. Wilson teacher. We noticed some very bright pupils here that were well cared for. There is no school building in this district.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Frank Stickney, Prudential Committee. Primary department, two terms by Miss Roxie L. Davis. The children here seemed greatly attached to their teacher and we think this was one of the best managed Primary schools in the county. Higher department, two terms each, under the direction of Miss Ellen F. Murray. This was the most difficult position on the list but we think that Miss M. was equal to the task. We noticed a decided improvement in the discipline and the Grammatical exercises were first class. A substantial and well arranged school-building has been erected here at a cost of \$2,400 which will be of great advantage to the educational and property interests of the district and town.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Moses E. Currier, Prudential Committee. Two terms by Mrs. Eva M. Swett. Spelling first-class, order very good, and we noticed some very good Mathematicians. The teacher was faithful in the branches taught.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Mrs. Calvin Pattee, Prudential Committee. One term by Miss Susie M. Flanders, who seemed to have the patience required to teach small children.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Mrs. Katie A. Huggett, Prudential Committee. Two terms. First term by Miss Edna E. Tupper, of Enfield, N. H. Second term by Miss Anna Upton, of Wilton, N. H. This is a dreary, trying position for teachers. Miss Upton has a substantial education and will conduct a profitable school in some of our districts.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

M. T. Colby, Prudential Committee. Three terms. First term by Mrs. Mary A. Campbell, who was thorough in mathematics. Second term by Miss Maim A. Chandler, of Norwich, Vt., who did better than we expected. Third term by Mr. Joseph T. Cunningham,

of Portsmouth, junior class Dartmouth College, who is a fine mathematician. Order good each term, spelling No. 1 A. Some very good mathematicians, and Ben Harrigan is the best reader among all of the pupils in town, and this is the most advanced school in town. Try Mr. Cunningham again.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Frank Butman, Prudential Committee. Two terms. First term by Miss Belle M. Barber. Second term Miss Nellie J. Barber, who filled the position very acceptably to all concerned. Pupils came here from three outside districts. We recommend the last named teacher for Nos. 12 and 14.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Edgar Ricard, Prudential Committee. One term by Miss Emma J. Barnard.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Frank H. Follansbee, Prudential Committee. Two terms by Miss Ella F. Childs, who kept the school room in fine order and seemed to put forth the best efforts for the good of the pupils here and it is quite evident that Miss Childs was well sustained by all interested.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

No school, and geographically speaking belongs to North Enfield.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Joseph Pollard, Prudential Committee. One term by Miss Maggie A. Sloane.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

H. B. Whitney, Prudential Committee. One term by Miss Belle M. Barber. The school house is almost overshadowed by forest trees to the injury of teacher and pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Hervey S. Dow, Prudential Committee. Two terms by Miss Lilla Davis, who succeeded finely. With more experience Miss D. will make a valuable teacher. A fine school building and it is a pity to move it.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

George W. Hazelton, Prudential Committee. One term by Miss Jennie S. Clark, an able and experienced teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 20.

Wyman Clark, Prudential Committee. Two terms. First by Lora H. Milton, who met the wants of the district. Second term by Frank H. Follansbee, who met with good success. Order good both terms. Some advanced pupils, and more quite backward in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 21.

Mrs. Mattie A. Chase, Prudential Committee. One term by Miss Minnie G. Pollard, of Dorchester, N. H., who succeeded better than appearances indicated the first of the term. With more education and experience Miss P. will succeed well.

REMARKS.

Citizens of Canaan, it has been several years since I have given my attention to the condition of your schools and it is my duty to report that while we have a few valuable schools a majority are remarkable only for their insignificance, from the fact that Canaan has for a long time had a mania for school districts and now has an unprofitable surplus. We have 21 school districts against an average of 11 99-235 in all the cities, towns and locations in the state. Lyme has but 12, and Lebanon 16, with \$4,369.81 school money in 1883. Owing to the cessation of the lumber business and an unsuccessful competition with Western agriculture, depopulation has so reduced the number of pupils and diminished the resources of the people that decay, poverty and a half a dozen pupils or so assembled in a leaky school building under a cheap teacher and 6 or 8 weeks of so called school are not unfrequent scenes.

Military conscriptions know no partiality, then why should educational means be withheld from any of our pupils, because they are born and brought up in a section where children are few and resources very limited. Must poverty and depopulation debar these pupils from that which is so valuable to all?

Teachers that are worth \$7.50 per week cannot be hired for \$3.50 to conduct a school of 6 weeks and for many of the back districts to build new school houses would be certain bankruptcy. People in the back districts will make as good a showing with 11 weeks as the village pupils will with 13 weeks, other things being equal. Our best teachers must come from a thorough public school, and as these schools decline in value it is not easy to find a supply of suitable teachers. We can have but few winter schools on account of the uncertain traveling.

I believe that Secretary Dickenson, of the Mass. State Board of Education, is right in saying that the Commonwealth should support the schools, and this is also senator Bair's idea. Whoever undertakes to create enmity or jealousy between the villages and back districts upon school matters for political or selfish purposes is an enemy to universal education. Many teachers go over too much ground in a given time and neglect important points and they do not relieve the monotony of school life by taking up some subject of general information. Pupils are too much confined to the text book. The town ought to expend \$50 yearly for school books for poor children, and there are only two decent sets of Outline Maps in town. Teachers should be protected by law from the insubordination of vicious pupils and not be required to hazard their lives. The redistricting of the school districts of Canaan was assigned by vote of the town to the Selectmen and School Committee, but the recent School Act interfered with their final action. The school committee is of the opinion that the schools should be discontinued in, at least, school districts No.'s 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 19, and that a judicious arrangement be made with Hanover, Enfield, Grafton and Dorchester in regard to Union districts. I shall ever remember the kind words of those who have stood by me in what I believe to be right and bid you farewell as the last School Committee of Canaan.

AUGUSTUS SHEPARD.

SCHOOL TABLE.

Dist. No.	Amount of Money raised by Law.	Literary Fund and int. on Literary Fund 1885.	Amount of Dog Tax for each District.	Total School money for each District 1885.	No. scholars returned by Selectmen Apr. 1, 1885.	By school registers for present school year. Av- erage attendance.	No. weeks school.
1.	\$111.38	\$10.40	\$3.00	\$124.73	13	*9	24
2.	106.49	12.52	3.00	121.99	†14	23	18.6
3.	10.02	6.40	3.00	19.42	8		
4.	18.22	2.40	3.00	23.62	3	3	8
5.	24.03	12.00	3.00	39.03	15	13.5	12
6.	17.49	4.00	3.00	24.49	5	4	8
7.	269.43	43.20	3.00	315.63	54	**	20
8.	48.69	11.20	3.00	62.89	14	9.5	17.6
9.	20.99	4.00	3.00	27.99	4	8	6.4
10.	38.11	13.60	3.00	54.71	17	13	17
11.	103.96	20.00	3.00	126.96	25	22.33	24
12.	32.53	8.80	3.00	44.33	11	11.5	16
13.	17.92	4.80	3.00	25.92	6	7	6
14.	51.39	12.60	3.00	66.99	17	16.245	19
15.	18.66			18.56	0		
16.	9.05	.80	3.00	12.85	1	6	4
17.	22.55	7.20	3.00	32.75	9	4	9
18.	41.36	12.60	3.00	57.96	17	12.5	15
19.	23.52	6.40	3.00	32.92	8	4.2	8 2
20.	35.18	15.20	3.00	53.38	19	18	16
21.	12.71	6.40	3.00	22.11	8	6	10

*Some 30 or more pupils that were not within the school age have attended school. A large number have attended from outside of the district.

†No. 2 were entitled to a return of 24 by the Selectmen.

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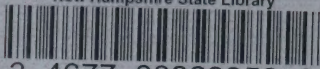
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